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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 2254

FOR RSO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AFSP, ASEC, AG  
SUBJECT: MARINE GUARD - EMBASSY ALGIERS

1. IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BOUAKAZ ON 3 SEPTEMBER, AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT OF OBTAINING GOA PERMISSION TO RE-ESTABLISH PRESENCE OF CONTINGENT OF MARINE GUARD AT EMBASSY.
2. BOUAKAZ LISTENED TO AND APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND ARGUMENTS FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT. HE REQUESTED THAT WE SEND HIM A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FORMALLY STATING OUR REQUEST AND THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUEST.
3. FOR DEPT INFORMATION, RECENT VISITS OF RSO HAVE SERVED TO CONFIRM OUR CONCERN THAT PHYSICAL SECURITY OF EMBASSY ALGIERS IS WOEFULLY INADEQUATE. AT PRESENT OUR FIVE-ACRE EMBASSY COMPOUND IS LOOSELY GUARDED BY ONE ALGERIAN POLICEMAN POSTED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE GATE AND THREE UNTRAINED CONTRACT EMPLOYEES FUNCTIONING AS NIGHTWATCHMEN. IN THE EVENT OF AN ANTI-AMERICAN PENETRATION OF THE COMPOUND, CHANCERY OR RESIDENCE BY AN ANGRY CROWD OR BY INDIVIDUAL TERRORISTS, OUR PROTECTIVE EFFORTS WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED BY RECENT

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SPATE OF BURGLARIES OF OTHER EMBASSY PROPERTIES.

4. POST, THEREFORE, SUBMITS FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DEPT APPROVAL OF DIPNOTE WE PROPOSE SEND OFFICE OF PROTOCOL IN MFA (ORIGINAL TEXT IN FRENCH):

QUOTE:

5. THE EMBASSY OF THE USA PROPOSES TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOA TO NORMALIZE COMPLETELY THE EMBASSY'S OPERATIONS BY RE-ESTABLISHING THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN MARINE GUARD IN THE EMBASSY CHANCERY. THIS GUARD WILL SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF THE CHANCERY ITSELF AND GUARANTEE THAT THE SERVICES OF THE EMBASSY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE GROWING AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ALGERIA ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. TO BE PRECISE, THE MARINE GUARD WOULD NORMALLY CONSIST OF A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFER AND FIVE MARINE SECURITY GUARDS.

6. IT IS THE PRACTICE IN ALL AMERICAN EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO BASE A MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT IN EACH OF THE EMBASSIES TO RENDER SUCH SERVICES. FROM THE TIME OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ALGERIA UNTIL OUR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS IN 1967, THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GUARD AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ALGIERS. OUR AIM IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL IS TO RE-ESTABLISH COMPLETELY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SUCH AS THEY WERE UP UNTIL 1967. UNQUOTE.

7. DEPT APPROVAL OF APPROACH AND TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF DIPNOTE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED.HAYNES

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